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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN OFFICIAL DAILY REPORTS ON "LAST CHANCE"

1. OFFICIAL DAILY "EL MOUDJAHID" HAS CARRIED SEVERAL
STORIES IN THE PAST WEEK ON RESUMPTION OF CIEC AND
PROSPECTS FOR CIEC MINISTERIAL AT END OF MAY.

2. STORIES EMPHASIZE CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE OF MINISTERIAL,
WHICH PAPER SEES AS "LAST CHANCE" TO REACH NORTH/SOUTH
UNDERSTANDING AND TO AVOID "NEW FRICTIONS, NEW MISUNDER-
STANDINGS, DISORDERS AND RISKS OF CONFRONTATION."
PAPER PUTS BURDEN OF ACHIEVING SUCCESS AT CONFERENCE
ENTIRELY ON DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, WHICH SO FAR HAVE
LACKED "POLITICAL WILL" TO MAKE NECESSARY POLICY
DECISIONS. THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES HAVE MADE THEIR
POSITION CLEAR AND WHAT IS NOW NEEDED IS AN EQUALLY
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CLAR REPLY FROM COUNTRIES THAT FOR CENTURIES HAVE
"SUBJUGATED, IMPOVERISHED AND PILLAGED" THIRD WORLD
AND THAT CONTINUE TO "STRANGLE AND DESTABILIZE"
LDCS. PAPER SAYS LDCS WILL BE WATCHING LONDON
SUMMIT FOR SIGNS OF CHANGES IN DC POSITIONS IN
PARIS, WHICH CONTINUE BASICALLY UNCHANGED AFTER
YEAR AND A HALF OF DIALOGUE. PAPER SAYS "OPTIMISTS"

BELIEVE CHANGE IN THE "STERILE" ATTITUDE OF THE WEST IS STILL POSSIBLE, BUT "EXPERIENCE TEACHES" THAT IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT DC POSITIONS WILL CHANGE ENOUGH TO UNBLOCK THE NORTH/SOUTH TALKS.

3. ON DEBT ISSUE "EL MOUDJAHID" SAYS CASE BY CASE APPROACH FAVORED BY DCS WOULD IMPLY CONTINUATION OF POLITICAL PRESSURES THAT CHARACTERIZE INDIVIDUAL DEBT RENEGOTIATIONS.

4. PAPER SAYS SOME DCS HAVE ENDORSED IDEA OF A COMMON FUND BUT IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER FUND WOULD BE FED BY DCS ONLY, "AS IT SHOULD BE," AND WHETHER IT WOULD BE FREE FROM POLITICAL CONDITIONS.

5. AS TO STABILIZATION OF EXPORT RECEIPTS ON THE LOME MODEL, PAPER SAYS LOME SYSTEM FAILS TO COMPENSATE FOR WORSENING TERMS OF TRADE AND ANY NEW SYSTEM BASED ON LOME WOULD ONLY AGGRAVATE LDC DEBT PROBLEM. STABILIZATION SCHEME WOULD PROBABLY ALSO INVOLVE SUPPLY AND INVESTMENT GUARANTEES (IMPLICITLY UNACCEPTABLE TO "EL MOUDJAHID"). PAPER ALSO POINTS OUT THAT LOME HAS NEVER BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE G-19 AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS.

6. AS TO PERMANENT DC/OPEC CONSULTATIONS ON ENERGY, PAPER SAYS IT WOULD BE "CONTRADICTION" FOR THE LDCS TO RELINQUISH CONTROL OVER THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES WITHOUT GUARANTEE OF REAL VALUE OF THEIR EXPORT RECEIPTS.
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7. COMMENT: IF THERE IS ANY GIVE IN THE HARD ALGERIAN LINE ON CIEC ISSUES WE HAVE YET TO DETECT IT IN THEIR PUBLIC STATEMENTS.LYNE

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